

Ms. Thompson has worked in the public school system for more than 30 years and now serves the Dayton community as director of Choral Music and Humanities at the Patterson Career Center. She has received many awards and accolades including the Impact II Grant for two consecutive years, the Dayton-Montgomery County Public Education Fund's Excellence in Teaching Award and the Martin Luther King Award for promoting human rights through the arts.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Ms. Thompson for her devotion to children. By making a real and positive difference in her students' lives, Ms. Thompson makes a real and positive difference in our future.

ON CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

HON. TIM JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for continued funding for the Civil-Military Cooperative Action Program [CMCAP] of the Office of Reserve Affairs at the Department of Defense, and to voice my strong opposition to the level of funding included for this important office in the House version of the fiscal year 1996 Department of Defense appropriations bill. Thankfully, the Senate chose to fund this Office at a level significantly higher than the funding included in the House bill and I plan to urge my colleagues in conference to accept the level of funding adopted by the Senate.

CMCAP, which provides training opportunities for our military personnel and allocates surplus materials to States and local communities, was initially authorized by Congress in 1993 as a means of enhancing military readiness for the Reserves, while helping to address important domestic needs at the same time. As we continue downsizing and reorganizing our national defense, I cannot emphasize strongly enough the importance of appropriate reallocation of surplus materials which result from base closures both at home and abroad.

The benefit of civil-military program cooperation can be readily seen in native American communities around the country and in my State of South Dakota. This year \$6 million in excess equipment was distributed to 136 native American communities in 26 States. In South Dakota, much needed medical and construction equipment was delivered to communities on and off Indian reservations, including Rapid City, Eagle Butte, Sisseton, McLaughlin, Ft. Thompson, Flandreau, Lower Brule, Pine Ridge, Pierre, and Rosebud.

Federal expenditures for social programs continue to exceed investments for economic growth in Indian country. I feel strongly that the role of the Federal Government must be to encourage tribal self-sufficiency at every opportunity. I believe the Federal Government must prioritize programs which develop infrastructure on reservations and enhance economic growth for tribal communities.

I have been contacted by tribal organizations in my State regarding a CMCAP project

currently being developed to repair and refurbish substandard housing on the Oglala and Rosebud Sioux Indian reservations. The project, Operation Walking Shield, would also provide recreational fields for youth risk prevention programs, transport excess medical equipment and supplies to Indian health centers, and employ local labor to work with military personnel in this important community development effort. Without continued funding for civil-military programs, Operation Walking Shield and other such projects critical to economic development in Indian communities will likely not proceed.

As I stated previously, I plan to contact the House conferees and urge their acceptance of the Senate funding for the CMCAP. As we downsize our military, I feel strongly that adequate funding for the cooperative programs maintained by this Office is critical to ensuring that excess equipment and materials are distributed to communities in need as efficiently as possible.

HONORING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KAISER PERMANENTE MEDICAL CARE PROGRAM

HON. JAY KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program on their 50th Anniversary.

Fifty years ago, as World War II came to an end and thousands of defense workers moved from the shipyards and steel mill operations of Henry J. Kaiser and found work in other areas, many asked that they be able to continue their membership in the pre-paid group practice health plan which had been established by Henry J. Kaiser and Dr. Sidney Garfield in California and Oregon.

As a result of community interest and need, the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program was opened to the public in 1945. In Southern California, the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program expanded from its initial site in Fontana, to the Los Angeles Harbor in 1950 and to metropolitan Los Angeles in 1951.

Once established in Southern California, the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program grew rapidly as more and more people were attracted to its integrated system, comprehensive benefits, high quality and affordability. In the mid-1960s the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Program was brought to Orange County and now provides quality health care to 190,000 people and employees in the Orange County region.

Now, after 50 years, the Southern California region of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program now provides care to more than 2.1 million Southern California residents at 10 major medical centers and more than 90 medical office buildings, and is offered by more than 10,000 businesses between Bakersfield and San Diego.

Since its inception, Kaiser Permanente has become an acknowledged and respected leader in the provision of quality, affordable health care, as well as an innovator in clinical research and the delivery of care to large numbers of patients.

Relying on its founding principles of prepayment, comprehensive benefits, preventive

care, group medical practice and integration of service and facilities, Kaiser Permanente has become a respected model for how affordable, high quality medical care can be provided.

After 50 years of providing care to the Southern California community, and having become the Nation's largest private health care provider with more than 6 million members in 16 States and the District of Columbia, it is indeed worthy to note the golden anniversary of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program and its contributions to the health of our community and the Nation.

HONORING NINEL SEGAL

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, a very special lady celebrated a very special birthday on September 3. She is Ninel Segal, an unpaid volunteer in the office of my friend and colleague, Congressman MICHAEL R. MCNULTY.

In the true American tradition, Ninel has devoted her life to helping people—as an educator and an administrator dedicated to securing employment for economically disadvantaged individuals in New York State's capital region.

Ninel has selflessly given her time and service to numerous organizations. She never fails to lend a helping hand when needed. A most charming person with a sharp intellect and a compassionate heart, she has an unusual capacity for bringing people together.

Mr. Speaker, on this happy occasion, it is my pleasure to ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me now in wishing Ninel Segal the happiest of birthdays—and many, many more to come.

HONORING SISTER MARY ANTIONETTE CAPPELLI

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, September 10, St. Brendan's School in New Haven, CT will pay tribute to the many accomplishments of Sister Mary Antoinette Cappelli, O.L.G. After 19 years as principal of St. Brendan's, Sister Mary will be leaving this month to begin her responsibilities as a counselor for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Garden.

As principal, Sister Mary devoted herself to bringing the best out of every student. As a result of her commitment to meeting the academic, social, and spiritual needs of her students, St. Brendan's quickly became a model of educational excellence nationwide. In 1990, St. Brendan's was selected as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education for its academic excellence and commitment to parent involvement. St. Brendan's has received much praise over the years for its ability to meet the needs of a economically and racially diverse student body. I have had the pleasure of visiting St. Brendan's on several occasions, and have always been impressed by the infectious enthusiasm displayed by the